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MEMORANDUM FOR: A/NIO/W

FROM : Strategic Warning Staff

SUBJECT : Reports of Soviet Plans to Provide North Yemen with Ground-to-Ground Missile. Possibly SCUD B

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2. The introduction of SCUD missiles to North Yemen and their targeting on Saudi Arabia would be an alarming development. This development will increase Saudi vulnerability to attacks by its politically unstable neighbor, heighten Riyadh's concerns over the growing Soviet role in the Red Sea/Persian Gulf region and reinforce its sense of encirclement. According to another report, [redacted] the Soviets have made it clear to the North Yemeni military officers that new deliveries of Soviet weapons were not intended to be used against South Yemen but rather against Saudi Arabia.

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